

## Crime Victim Bill Gains Support

WASHINGTON (AP) — With strong bipartisan backing, a proposal is being readied for Senate action that would pay federal cash to victims of violent crime.

The "Victims of Crime Act of 1972" would establish a three member board to compensate innocent victims of violent crimes, or their survivors, with up to \$50,000 for medical bills, loss of earning power and funeral expenses. Compensation would depend on financial need.

The bill would apply primarily to crimes committed in the District of Columbia, on national parks and forests, Indian reservations and on airplanes and ships.

But beyond this, and more far-reaching, is a provision under which the federal government would pay 75 per cent of the cost of compensation programs established by

the states in accord with federal standards.

Sponsors hope this would spur all states to have such programs within five or six years. Seven states already have.

The bill would also:

—Subsidize life and disability insurance for policemen, firemen and prison guards, and provide a \$50,000 federal death benefit for persons in those fields killed in line of duty.

—Establish antitrust-type court remedies for business victims of organized crime, permitting the federal government to intervene on behalf of victims in civil suits.

Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., who has steered all of the major antirape bills through the Senate in recent

years, introduced the legislation shortly before Congress adjourned.

He said it consolidated the essential features of several measures on which his Senate Judiciary subcommittee on criminal laws and procedures has held hearings.

Joining McClellan in sponsoring the bill are the Senate leaders of both parties, Democrat Mike Mansfield of Montana and Republican Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania; Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., and the committee's ranking minority member, Sen. Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska.

So far, the administration has hesitated in supporting compensation for violent crime victims, saying it is still studying the idea. But some sponsors say they believe the administration eventually will back the bill.

The administration has said it favors lump sum payments of \$50,000 to dependents of policemen and prison guards killed in the line of duty, but has said similar payments to firemen are not justified since they are not always due to crime.

It also has opposed a federal insurance program for police and firemen, saying group policies now are available which can be expanded locally.

The bill in the Senate provides for a program for public safety officers patterned on the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program available to members of the Armed Forces. While the program would be administered by the federal government, the insurance would be carried and the benefits paid by private companies.

## U.S. Air Raids In 3rd Straight Day

### Statue Ordered Open

#### U.S. Begins Attack On War Protest

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge ordered 16 antiwar veterans today to remove their barricades from inside the Statue of Liberty, the national monument they have held since Sunday night to protest continuation of fighting in Vietnam.

Judge Lawrence W. Pierce barred the veterans from continuing their occupation, effective the moment their lawyers arrived on Liberty Island in New York Bay to inform them of his ruling.

Pierce's decision came after government lawyers argued that they could not "bargain away the right of other people to visit the statue," which they called "a symbol for mankind."

The government also contended that damage possibly was being done to the statue because the veterans have gained access to locked parts of the 305-foot-high monument.

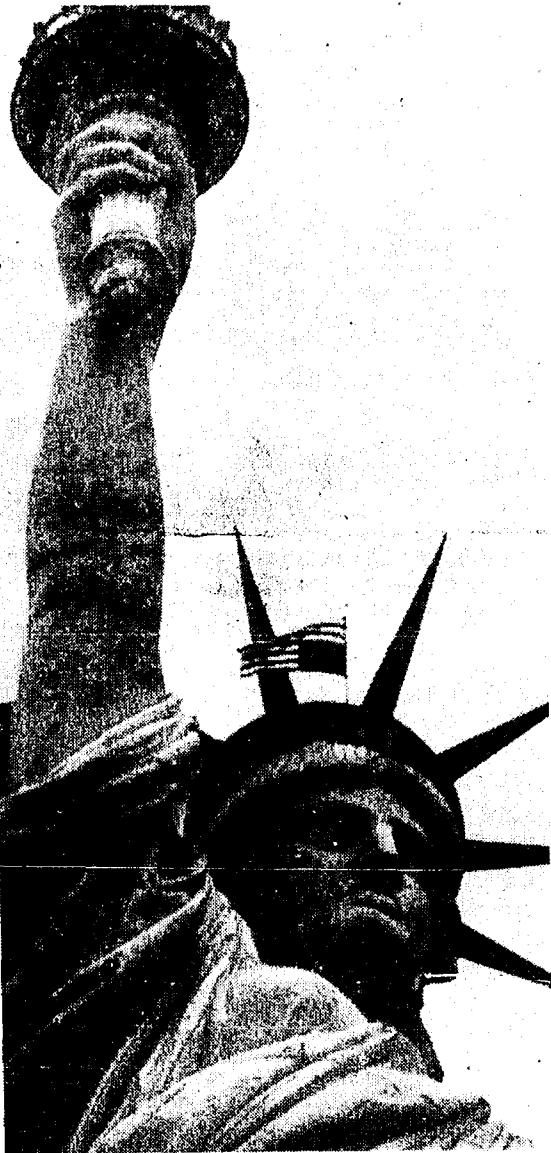
"Since they have no keys, we can only surmise they gained access by knocking down the doors or some other way," said Asst. U.S. Atty. Alan B. Morrison.

A lawyer for the veterans countered, however, that he talked with the group Monday and was assured that the government's surmise that damage was occurring "is without foundation."

Pierce's restraining order directed the veterans "to open the doors to the Statue of Liberty national monument and remove all obstructions therefrom; secondly, to remove themselves from the statue itself except during normal visiting hours; thirdly to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Park Service."

A full hearing on a motion for an injunction was scheduled for Jan. 5.

The group rejected Monday evening a government compromise offer that would have reopened the historic monu-



**LADY IN DISTRESS:** An American flag flies upside down, an international signal of distress, from the tiara of the Statue of Liberty in New York Monday. A group of antiwar veterans barricaded themselves inside the statue Sunday night, and vowed Monday they would not leave until President Nixon set a date for withdrawal of all American forces from Southeast Asia. (AP Wirephoto)

ment to sightseers while allowing the veterans to remain on Liberty Island and continue their protest.

Flying an American flag upside down as a symbol of distress, the veterans reiterated their position that they would not leave until their demand that the protest be publicized to U.S. troops was met.

Similar antiwar protests were

carried out Monday at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia and at a ward in a hospital at Travis Air Force Base in California.

All three protests were organized or aided by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) in an effort to create pressure on President Nixon to set a definite date for withdrawal.

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### No Sign Attacks Ending

#### Cong Down Seven U.S. Helicopters

SAIGON (AP) — Flight after flight of U.S. warplanes streaked into North Vietnam today for a third day of heavy raids. There was no indication when the attacks would end.

In South Vietnam, a Viet Cong platoon shot down seven U.S. helicopters supporting militiamen in an operation 27 miles northwest of Saigon. The U.S. Command said 10 American crewmen were wounded, one helicopter was destroyed and the other six were damaged. Five South Vietnamese and three of the enemy were reported killed in the fighting.

The U.S. Command remained silent on American losses in the attacks on North Vietnam, but Radio Hanoi made no new claims. This indicated there had been no American losses since its report Sunday that five F4 Phantoms had been shot down, at least two pilots killed and an unspecified number captured.

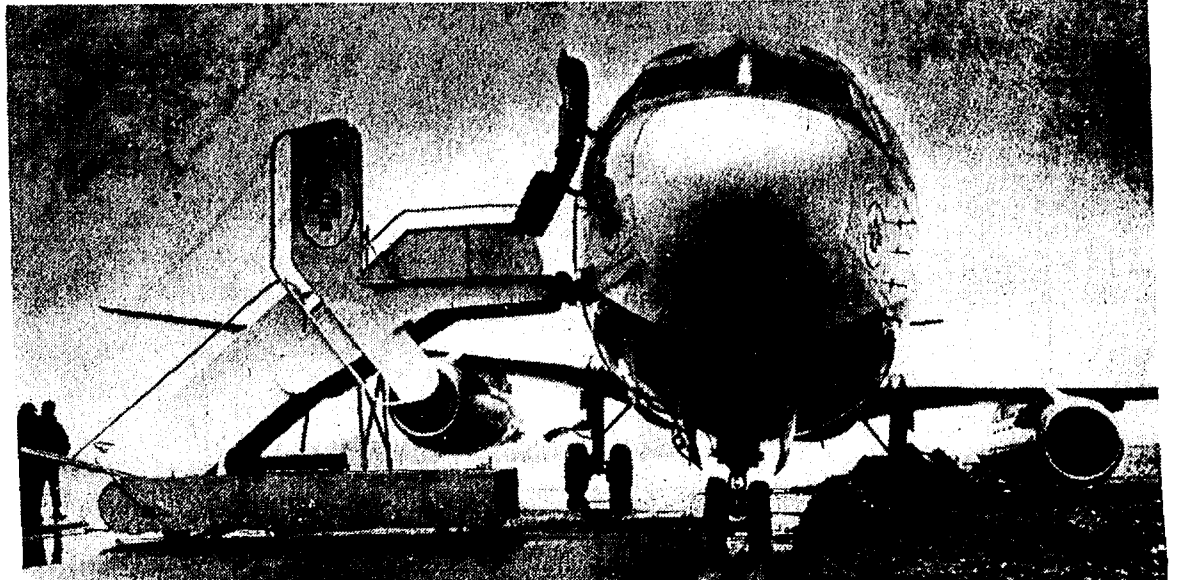
Informants said hundreds of strikes had been made against North Vietnamese anti-aircraft defenses and war stockpiles awaiting shipment into Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Supplementing the raids were U.S. B52 strikes along the Laotian border with North Vietnam. No B52 strikes have been reported in South Vietnam for three days, and informants said they had been diverted to Laos.

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry accused the U.S. pilots of bombing and strafing attacks Monday against "many civilian populated areas, including a children's school," in Quang Binh Province, just to the north of the demilitarized zone. The U.S. Command refused to comment.

U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird told a news conference in Washington Monday that the air attack on North Vietnam "was prompted by Hanoi's violations of the understanding which resulted in the 1968 bombing halt. Today the U.S. and South Vietnamese governments cancelled the session Thursday of the Paris peace talks, giving as their reasons the same charges Laird

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**SLIDES INTO MUD:** A Boeing 737 jet is mired in mud after gently sliding off a Kent County Airport taxiway Monday morning at Grand Rapids. The 21 passengers aboard escaped without injury. (AP Wirephoto)

## Long Arm Of The Law Out Of Place, Say Girls

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — An Ingham County District Court judge and his magistrate, accused of misconduct involving female court employees, have asked the State Supreme Court to dismiss a petition that they be temporarily suspended from duty.

Judge James H. Edgar, 46, and magistrate James L. Blodgett, 35, also asked the court to allow oral arguments on the suspension petition.

The Michigan Judicial Tenure

Commission filed a complaint Dec. 14 asking that Edgar and Blodgett be suspended for "patting and fondling" female court employees.

The complaint charges that Edgar once seized a court employee, held her up a counter and "wrote his name upon her undergarment. It also accuses Edgar of ordering female employees to wear skirts "not greater than nine inches from waist to hem" and then "personally and publicly measuring" the skirts himself.

In addition, the complaint alleges that Edgar "on numerous occasions forcibly carried them (female court employees) through the offices of the court over his shoulder in such a position that their undergarments were exposed to public view."

The commission charges that Blodgett "physically seized and forcibly placed" a female employee on the court office counter to expose her undergarments and that he "slapped, patted or touched" female employees "in a suggestive manner."

The complaint names at least nine current or former female court employees.

The two officials have declined public comment on the charges.

In motions filed last week

asking for dismissal of the commission's petition, attorneys for Edgar and Blodgett asked for an opportunity to present oral arguments. The attorneys also asked that if their motion for dismissal is denied, they be granted five days in which to prepare a written answer.

The commission has asked for the temporary suspension pending disposition of the complaint alleging judicial misconduct. No hearing before the commission or a person appointed by the Supreme Court has yet been scheduled.

Edgar was elected to his \$26,000-a-year post in January 1969. He appointed Blodgett to the \$12,700-a-year magistrate post.



**ADVERTISED FOR HER DATES:** Ellen Hanceles was furious with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hanceles, when she returned to Miami from a trip to New York to learn they had taken out newspaper ads seeking a husband for her. Thirty men have answered the ads and Ellen has dated just one of them. (AP Wirephoto)

## Perhaps He Shouldn't Bet

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Undismayed by earlier losses, Michigan Gov. William Milliken is betting a bottle of wine on Michigan against Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

Milliken offered the wager in a letter Monday to California Gov. Ronald Reagan. The executive office said an early reply was expected.

The bottle of fine Michigan wine, Milliken said, would be packed in snow obtained near the shores of Lake Superior.

Milliken has been a loser in earlier football bets. He paid off a bushel of apples to Minnesota Gov. Wendell Anderson when the Detroit Lions lost 29-10 to the Minnesota Vikings.

Last year, also betting on the University of Michigan, Milliken had to ship a sherry pie to former Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio when the Wolverines were upset 20-9 by Ohio State.

Milliken cited history in his Rose Bowl bet, harking back to the Michigan 49-0 wipeout of Stanford in 1902 and mentioning that U-M has four wins against only a single loss in the big bowl at Pasadena.

## Michigan Draft Calls Unlikely Till Spring

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's draft boards will continue to process men although there is a good chance that none will be called to the service during the first four months of next year.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird made the announcement in Washington, D.C., Monday that

there will be no military draft in January and possibly none until April.

Col. Arthur A. Holmes, state selective service director, said local boards will continue to classify men to determine which are entitled to deferment or available for induction.

"There will be physical examinations for those who

might be required to fill a call during the first six months of the year," Holmes said.

"For their own protection, we want to emphasize that the requirement for men to register still is an absolute necessity," Holmes said. "The men also are required to report any change in address."

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Editorial Page

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Women's Lib To A Useful Purpose

Margaret Chase Smith, Maine's senior Senator, has taken aim on two lackadaisical developments brought about by the males who have been running the governmental establishment since George Washington became the first President.

She thinks the bureaucrats are enjoying good meals at too great a cost to the taxpayer and that her Senatorial colleagues should improve their attendance record.

At her request, the General Accounting Office, the Congressional watchdog on Uncle Sam's spending, recently looked over the pricing structure in the government cafeterias.

The GOA learned that the meals cost anywhere from five to ten times the price charged, and that this leverage does not include the cost of space and utilities.

In true government fashion, none of them showed a profit.

She has gunned down one arrangement. NASA until lately was illegally stocking its Washington cafeteria from military commissaries.

Mrs. Smith says she will introduce legislation next month to require all executive cafeterias to submit an annual accounting to Congress.

It is questionable if this will automatically close the cost-price gap, but it may prod Congress into requiring a more realistic feeding arrangement.

She and Ralph Nader, America's self appointed ombudsman for all manner of things, are signing separately on a

second target — Congress itself.

Nader has announced the formation of a 1,000-member team to check out Congress's workings or lack of same.

The investigation, he declared, is absolutely essential to uplifting Congress as the best hope of reclaiming America.

Mrs. Smith is shooting for a smaller bull's eye.

As the holder of the record for consecutive roll calls without a miss, something over 2,940 by the latest count, she complains her male colleagues are forsaking their obligations.

Service in the Senate for too many, she says, has become a springboard for their special interests, whether it be commercializing the position and title for big lecture fees or running for President.

This January she plans to introduce a Constitutional amendment providing for the automatic expulsion of any House or Senate members who misses 60 per cent of the roll call votes in any session.

A 40 per cent attendance is considerably less than what is deemed adequate for good standing in a luncheon club, but would be agony for some of her associates to meet.

The Chase Amendment is almost certain to be flown to the nearest pigeonhole, but maybe this charming Yankee gal can make the public aware of some more glaring failures of their men in Washington.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

**JOB COST**  
\$4.9 MILLION  
1 Year ago

The Berrien county public works board named Solitt Construction Co. of South Bend the winner of a \$4,508,000 contract to expand the Twin City sewage treatment plant.

Board approval beat a Dec. 30 deadline to preserve a state-federal grant of \$2,319,070 to help pay for the

expansion.

**NAMED CHIEF**  
10 years ago

Dr. Barbara Green was elected chief of staff of Memorial hospital last night at the annual meeting of the medical staff.

Dr. Green who practices obstetrics and gynecology with her husband, Dr. Robert Green, is a native of Big

Rapids. She joined the Memorial hospital staff in 1952.

**32 TOWNS WON BACK BY RUSS**  
30 Years Ago

Red army troops campaigning to lift the five-month-old siege of Leningrad were declared authoritatively today to have killed more than 6,000 Germans and regained 32 additional villages in a drive paralleling the central front counter offensive.

Soviet soldiers sent the invaders reeling from the Volkovo area, southeast of Leningrad on the main railway between that city and Moscow, the Soviet information bureau said.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

**Too Old To Drive**

As auto accidents go, Mrs. Martin's collision with another car was nothing special. But soon afterward, bad news arrived in the mail.

"Your driver's license has been revoked," said a notice from the traffic bureau.

Mrs. Martin, an ardent motorist, decided to put up a fight. Challenging the traffic bureau in court, she pointed out that the collision was in no way her fault.

"Even so," countered a bureau spokesman, "this woman has already passed her 77th birthday. That alone is enough basis for us to revoke her license."

But the court disagreed. Ordering the license restored, the court said advanced years alone are not enough reason to take away a person's right to drive.

Most traffic laws say that officials may revoke the license of anyone unfit to handle a car. But they may not classify a person as unfit without good grounds. Even a physical disability may not be enough to disqualify a driver if the disability can be kept under adequate control.

For example: A man had diabetes. But his condition was such that the possibility of insulin shock was slight. If shock did occur, it would give him enough warning to allow him to pull over to the curb. A court held that his license could not be revoked.

Another man occasionally suffered from double vision. But he could clear it up instantly just by shutting one eye. His license, too, was held not subject to revocation.

However, a court refused similar help to a woman afflicted by heart trouble, high blood pressure, and partial



paralysis on one side. Seeking to have her license restored, she recalled that she had driven for 30 years without an accident.

But the court, noting the very real possibility of sudden trouble, said her good driving in the past was no guarantee against bad driving in the future. As one judge put it:

"The purpose is not punishment of the driver but the protection of the public."

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
We greet you, New Year,  
Seventy-two,  
A year has passed in many ways,  
With sorrow and with happy days.

New year on you we are depending,  
Give friendship, love and understanding,  
Make all our wishes and hopes come true,  
Show us only what's right to do.

New Year please lighten our way,  
Make every day a happy day,  
A welcome to you, Seventy-two,  
So do your best, it's up to you.

With yours and ours and God's loving heart,  
Let's give Seventy-two a brand new start,  
Let's make our life a little better,  
For this we pray to our Master.

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U.S. Agrees With Waldheim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department agrees with the newly named secretary general of the United Nations that financial reform is the world organization's most pressing problem.

In a briefing for newsmen Monday, press officer Charles W. Bray III said, "Spending more than taking in led to the crisis that now confronts the United Nations."

Bruce Blossat

There Is Gloom In Both Camps

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Quite a few influential Democrats, proud of their "realism," are privately saying they have little chance to beat President Nixon next year. Conversely, some hard-headed Republicans are saying Nixon has little chance to win.

I am convinced this kind of talk from Democrats is not self-serving nonsense intended to disarm and lull the President. They really believe it.

They are dazzled by the powers of the office, and by any president's capacity to command events. They figure Mr. Nixon is going to surprise and disconcert them from now until next November. They know the Vietnam war is slipping into the shadows. The look for an economic trick or two. And they think he'll keep running around the world.

The Republican hard-heads don't see it that way at all. Using three or four different measuring rods, they argue that their own man is in serious straits and will need enormous skill and luck to win.

These GOP types, impressed less by Mr. Nixon being the incumbent than by the Democrats' majority hold on the electorate, think their rivals are just befogged. Says one GOP analyst:

"They're used to winning with an embarrassment of riches, to overpowering us with brute strength. Seeing

Nixon, in the White House and their own multiplicity of candidates, they don't sense the smell of victory. They're not used to gauging the close ones."

In this man's view, the Democrats may not realize how well off they are for 1972 "until everybody gets together" after they choose a presidential nominee in Miami next July. Wistfully he added: "I wish I had their vote power."

Mr. Nixon's drawbacks? The big one, according to the argument, is the Republicans' continuing status as a minority party, compounded by the President's evident inability to attract extra personal support. The GOP doubters ask:

"If we're so well off, where's the 50 per cent?"

It is a fact, measurable by the polls, that Mr. Nixon hovers around the 42-44 per cent mark when positioned against a strong potential rival like Sen. Edmund Muskie or Sen. Edward Kennedy. He doesn't gain.

To underscore the President's difficulties, realists in his party lick off big blocks of voters he won last time but is in trouble with now: Farmers, small businessmen, the severely pinched elderly. It's assumed, of course, that he won't cut it with the blacks and the young.

Jeffrey Hart

Liberal Duplicity On Education

In case you missed it, Mike Wallace put on a stunning edition of his TV show "60 Minutes." The issue was the explosive one of "busing" and the conclusion was that the nation's most prominent liberal moralists are not at all enthusiastic about integrated schooling with inner city populations — not, at any rate, where their own children are concerned.

Take Senator George McGovern. "Earlier this year," Wallace pointed out, "he blasted President Nixon after the President had said that he opposed compulsory busing for the purpose of achieving racial balance. The President has encouraged massive evasion of and contempt to circumvent the law."

"Well," Wallace drily observed, "the Senator and his family moved to the District of Columbia from the Maryland suburbs and before he moved his daughter went to a private Catholic school. This year she commutes daily out here to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Since the

Senator doesn't live out here in Maryland anymore, he has to pay tuition charges of \$1,450. The number of blacks out here in school: about 3 per cent. Senator McGovern turned down our request for an interview. Where his children go to school, he said, is a private affair between himself and his family."

Translation: McGovern retains his liberal purity because he can afford to keep his children out of the District of Columbia public school system. But the middle-class parent in, say, Pontiac, Mich., is a racist because he doesn't want his children bused into a comparable urban public school system.

And so it went. Senator Edmund Muskie supports busing as a necessary tool, and the law of the land. "And he goes on: 'From time to time we must use uncomfortable means that put us to inconvenience, that impose burdens and create risks and fears.' That 'we' is absolutely gorgeous. One of the Muskie daughters, noted Wallace, goes to the School of the Holy Child, a private Catholic institution — tuition, \$1,000 a year. Three of its 245 students are black. Two of the Muskie children go to another Catholic school where none of the 446 children is black.

Then there is the St. Albans private school, which costs \$2,400 a year and has one black student — invariably of the professional or affluent class — to every 11 whites.

"This is the school," noted Wallace, "where some of Washington's most powerful and persuasive liberal legislators and journalists send their sons. Tom Wicker's son goes here. Wicker writes frequently about subjects like busing on the liberal editorial pages of the New York Times. Phil Geyelin has one boy here. He heads up the influential editorial page of the Washington Post. . . . Birch Bayh of Indiana and Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts — each has a boy here. We asked Senator Kennedy to talk to us, but he declined." Nicholas Von Hoffman, the outspoken liberal journalist of the Washington Post, "has managed to avoid sending his child to public schools. . . . Von Hoffman says he supports busing, but only symbolically."



"I can't tell you what he does exactly, but they say his job is so big—no matter what he does, he's wrong!"

Exporting Open To Small Firms

Misconceptions as to America's world trade role seem to be the order of the day.

There was, of course, the big one, that the United States, as the No. 1 exporter of manufactured goods, could rely on a consistently favorable balance of trade to minimize the over-all unfavorable balance of payments, surplus trading dollars in large part offsetting drains in other areas such as tourism and military expenditures abroad.

Wrong, we now know with our slip to No. 2 exporter (West Germany now leads), into a deficit trading position and the retreat behind the new econo-

Science Popular

This is the Age of Science. In every field of human endeavor scientific discoveries in recent years have greatly aided mankind.

Not to mention conquest of the moon and all the nuclear discoveries.

It might be thought that high school pupils would be more interested in studying science than ever. After all, science today is what it is all about.

Morris R. Lerner of Newark, N.J., president of the National Science Teachers Association, says interest in science among high school students reached a peak 60 years ago. "It has been declining gradually every since," he added.

Lerner is convinced new approaches are needed to interest students, perhaps including adoption of entirely new courses. A limited number of students major in science and find it interesting, he said. These often go on to become professional scientists.

"But science is not reaching the masses, and it must reach them if this country is to progress," Lerner contends.

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## \$302,400 For Utilities

# U.S. Grant Aids Pipestone District

U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson announced Monday the Economic Development Administration has approved a \$302,400 grant to the Twin Cities Area Development Corp. for construction of utilities in Pipestone Industrial district.

The Republican congressman from Fennville said federal funds were approved under public works

legislation which authorizes grants for projects which create immediate construction jobs in areas of high unemployment. The jobless rate is estimated at 13 to 16 per cent in the Model Cities area of Benton Harbor and Benton township and parts of adjacent Sodus township.

The work is expected to provide 28 skilled and 60

unskilled jobs in the building of 1.5 miles of roadway and installing 7,700 feet of sanitary sewer and water lines. The utilities are counted on to spur development of the industrial park and add to permanent employment.

Bids will be sought by Jan. 15 with work slated to start within 60 days after contracts are awarded.

Total cost for the projects is estimated at \$378,000 with

the Twin Cities Area Development Corp. providing \$75,600. The Development Corp. is owner of the industrial parks and seeks to sell sites to industry in the 522-acre tract in Benton township.

Announcement that the federal grant was being sought was made Nov. 29 in this newspaper.



**SWORN IN:** Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph (third from left) is flanked by five city commissioners who joined him Monday in taking oath of office from City Clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke. From left are Commissioners Carl Brown and Charles Yarbrough, Mayor

Joseph; and Commissioners Otis Joseph, Edmund Eaman and Virgil May. Ceremony during regular city commission meeting was witnessed by some 80 citizens who packed the chamber. (Staff photo)

## New BH Mayor To Donate Pay

### Joseph Takes Over; Tells Youth Center Plans

Charles F. Joseph assumed duties as mayor of Benton Harbor last night and said he intends to donate his official pay to youth projects, particularly his proposed youth center.

Joseph, 36, was joined by five newly-elected commissioners in taking the oath from City Clerk Mrs. Evelyn Grenawitzke. The commission chamber was packed with about 80 citizens, predominately black.

Joseph became the city's first black mayor and will preside over a city commission consisting of a 5-to-4 black majority, including the mayor.

Regardless of racial makeup, Joseph last night emphasized his campaign theme for the four years of his administration: "Straight ahead together."

Joseph said:

"Only in America can an individual who as a high school dropout, coming from a poor family, achieve this honor, which has been bestowed upon me by you voters. We might say only in Michigan and Benton Harbor can people of various political, age, religious and racial groups come together to challenge problems and conditions."

The mayor said he dropped out of Benton Harbor high school while a sophomore, to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. Joseph served four years in the service and returned in 1956 to complete high school, graduating at age 24. Joseph then entered Wright Junior college, Chicago, while working for a time at O'Hare field for the government. Joseph is taking courses as time permits at Michigan State university toward a degree.

Commissioners sworn into office were, Virgil May, Edmund Eaman, and Otis Joseph, all incumbents; and newcomers, Charles Yarbrough and Carl Brown. May and Yarbrough are commissioners-at-large, while Eaman represents the first ward, Brown the second ward and Otis Joseph, a brother of the mayor, the fourth ward.

Mayor Joseph after his first commission session said he will announce committee appointments next week.

Asked about his pay, Joseph said, "I intend to donate my salary, whatever it is, for youth projects." Joseph said foremost among these is the youth center, pegged as a campaign goal, along with city charter revision and improved communications between city and school district.

The charter on the point of pay, sets the rate for commissioners, including the mayor, at \$5 per commission meeting, but no more than \$300 in any one year.

The meeting was the finale for Wilbert Smith, who warned of the need to solve existing problems, wished his successor well, and departed with the quip: "I'm going home now to watch the football game."

Before departing, Smith turned to Joseph and said:

"I have no bitterness. A good man is succeeding me. If I had to lose (a bid for reelection in November for an eighth term) he's the man I'd want to lose to."

Smith, who served 14 years as mayor, defended his administration against critics he said voiced words like, "You

can't fight city hall." Smith termed all commissioners he has served with as dedicated men. Smith also cited the \$5 per meeting pay rate and said, no one would want the job for the money.

Asked later about pay, Smith said the most he made was \$500 a year, including (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## Lakeshore Opposed

# Liquor License Too Close

Lakeshore school board members yesterday expressed opposition to granting a take-out-liquor license to a store across from Hollywood school. They acted in response to a letter from the state liquor control commission advising them that Ott's Hollywood store at 5696 Hollywood road had requested a license to sell liquor for consumption off the premises. The store lies within

500 feet of the school. Board President Donald Gast said he opposed the application because the store lies directly across from the school. The store now has a license to sell just beer and wine for consumption off the premises.

Though it was once prohibited, a liquor license may be located within 500 feet of a church or school under current

state law. The school board's opposition to the store's application will be considered by the liquor commission before it rejects or approves the application.

In other business, the board took under study a request from Mr. and Mrs. Duano

Reisig that the school bus stop on the west side of Red Arrow highway near Linea road. The Reisigs live on the west side of the highway and protested that their seven and eight-year-old daughters must cross the busy road twice a day to ride the bus.

Asst. Supt. William Galbreath said the bus route had been established for the bene-

fit of the majority of the children on the route and the Reisig children happen to be in the minority who live on the west side of the road.

Mrs. Reisig objected that many of the children who board the bus on their own side of the road live within a mile and a half of the school and could walk.

## Standard Strike Settled

Michigan Standard Alloys, Inc., and the International Association of Machinists (AFL-CIO) Amalgamated Local 2140 jointly announced "an equitable settlement of their contract dispute," according to Herbert Mendel, firm president.

Employees at both the zinc and aluminum plants in Benton Harbor returned to work this week, ending a strike that began Dec. 18.

A release on the settlement stated that, "In addition to pay increases, improvements were made in insurance coverage, number of holidays and other fringe benefits. Previous contract language was also clarified."

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

## 'Terry' Baccash, Blossomtime Treasurer, Dies

George N. "Terry" Baccash, 53, of 278 Britain avenue, Benton Harbor, past president of Blossomtime Inc., and a well-known area insurance agent, died at 7:05 p.m. Monday in the University of Michigan hospital, Ann Arbor, where he had been a patient four months.

Mr. Baccash served as president of Blossomtime Inc. in 1965 and is presently treasurer of the association. In 1956 he served as County Cancer Chairman. He was the Grand Floral Parade Chairman in 1959, and has been active in Blossomtime since 1958. Mr. Baccash is the past exalted ruler of Benton Harbor Elks lodge No. 544 and a member of Berrien Hills Country Club. He had been employed by the Pete Lovell Insurance agency and the Hartford Accident Indemnity Company for several years. He currently was employed by the Monarch Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Baccash was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Benton Harbor, the son of George and Mary Baccash.

Surviving are a brother William J. Baccash of Oconomowoc, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Anthony (Jeanette) Serial of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. Joanna Bonshoon of Oconomowoc; and a half sis-

ter, Mrs. Wadeha Atiyeh of New York City. A brother, B. J. "Sonny" Baccash, preceded him in death.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Thursday in St. John's Catholic church. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Byrne will be the celebrant. Burial will be in Crystal Springs cemetery.

Liturgical prayers will be recited at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Florin funeral home, where friends may begin calling Wednesday.

The Benton Harbor Elks will conduct memorial rites at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.



GEORGE "TERRY" BACCASH

## BH Accepts Gift Of Aid To Library

The reorganized Benton Harbor city commission voted unanimously last night to accept as a gift to benefit the Benton Harbor public library a parcel of land, deeded to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mendel.

The land, about an acre in size, is designated as lot 4, Indian Hills subdivision, St. Joseph township. It fronts Miami road near Napier avenue.

According to provisions of the gift, any financial gain from the site is to be used for the purchase of books for the library. This includes any profit the city might make in selling the land. The library board is to make a determination regarding disposition of the parcel.

## Joseph Apologizes For Slip

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph said Monday he is sending a letter of apology and regrets to Police Chief William McClaran because the names of two policemen were used as members of the inaugural ball souvenir program committee.

Joseph said the names of Lts. Fred Rellis and Jack Weatherly were placed on a letter of solicitation "by mistake and without the knowledge of the officers or myself."

McClaran notified Joseph last week that such activity was a violation of departmental regulations and the officers were unaware their names were used.

"It is not my intention ever to interject politics in the police department," Joseph said.

He explained the mistake probably occurred because Rellis and Weatherly are members of the police-community relations team, a non-political group, organized by Joseph a year ago.

The letter of solicitation was sent to businessmen and city residents offering advertising space in a program for an inaugural ball that will be held Jan. 15 to commemorate Joseph's taking office as mayor.



**'ADOPTED':** The Quo Vadis Sunday school class of First Church of God, St. Joseph, has "adopted" Juan Carlos Trujillo of Peru through Foster Parents Plan, Inc., 352 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. The Sunday school class provides \$16 a month toward support of Juan and his family of six, whose income has been \$24.20 a month. Mrs. and Mrs. Ken Rogers are teachers of the Quo Vadis adult Sunday school class.

## Christmas Cheer Dispenser Guilty

All liquor sales weren't cut off by state law over Christmas, state police of the Benton Harbor post reported. Trooper Mike Robinson said he purchased two pints of whisky Sunday at a Benton Heights service station, then got a search warrant and arrested the proprietor.

Cecil Spear, 58, operator of the station, pleaded guilty Monday when arraigned in Fifth District court on a disorderly person charge of selling liquor without a license. Spear was placed on pre-sentence investigation.

Robinson said he went to the station in response to a tip and bought two pints at

inflated prices. The search warrant uncovered 13 other pints and a fifth of liquor.

State law decreed that all sales of alcoholic beverages be suspended by licensed dealers from 9 p.m. Friday until 7 a.m. Monday. Selling intoxicants without a license is an offense at any time.

## Busing Fight Rated Top '71 Story

### Michigan Editors Pick 10 Leading Newsmakers

By The Associated Press  
Court-ordered busing in Pontiac which brought on a school boycott and the firebombing of 10 empty buses last fall was rated as the big news story in Michigan in 1971.

The No. 1 rating among news events was given to the Pontiac school busing story by editors and news directors of Associated Press member newspapers and radio and television stations in Michigan who voted for

the top 10 stories of the year. Second on the list was another event touching on the subject of racial integration in the schools. It was U. S. District Judge Stephen Roth's ruling that Detroit's schools are segre-

gated by law, touching off fears the courts may order cross-district busing of pupils to achieve racial balance. No. 3 was the lowering of Michigan's age of adulthood to 18 by the Legislature, one of

seven stories among the top 10 stemming from action in Lansing.

Fourth on the list was the Supreme Court ruling which banned parochialism.

The Legislature's approval of a 50 per cent increase in the state income tax rated fifth.

The No. 6 news story, the poll showed, was the outlining by Gov. William Milliken of his plan for educational financing reform by cutting local property taxes and boosting the state income tax to equalize basic spending by districts, along with his proposal for a petition drive to obtain support for his plan.

The newsmen rated as No. 7 the Legislature's approval of major changes in Michigan drug laws, reducing penalties for drug possession.

The eighth top story was the battle over the state's budget, which finally totalled a record \$2.07 billion, which occupied the Legislature's attention for nearly the entire year.

Ninth on the list was the tunnel explosion near Port Huron which killed 21 workers this month.

Rated as No. 10 was the joint filing of a court challenge by Gov. Milliken and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley of Michigan's school financing methods, including the constitutionality of the property tax.

The Pontiac school busing story was voted the big story by more than one-fourth of the newsmen participating in the ballot.

One story that did not make the top 10 list received one first-place vote—the continuing struggle over construction of nuclear power plants at Midland, South Haven and Brid-

man and the blocking of federal operating licenses by environmentalists and others.

### Walker Killed In Cass

CASSOPOLIS — A rural Cassopolis man was struck and killed early Monday night while walking along M-60, 1½ miles east of Vandalia.

Cass county sheriff's deputies identified the victim as Wiley D. Carruthers 61, route 3, Cassopolis. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Lowell Smith, deputy medical examiner.

The fatality was the 28th in Cass county this year.

Police said the victim was walking in the center of the east-bound traffic lane when he was struck by a car driven by James E. Arnold, 38, route 4, Cassopolis. Arnold and his wife, Shirley, were not injured.

Carruthers was wearing dark clothing and was not seen by Arnold against the glare of oncoming traffic, police reported. The accident occurred about 6:45 p.m.

Arnold was not charged. The body was taken to Connelly funeral home, Cassopolis, where arrangements were incomplete this forenoon.



SEEKING PARENTS: "Carolyn," age 8, is only in the first grade because she attended school so rarely she didn't advance as did other youngsters. But adults believe Carolyn, an outgoing girl, can catch up. Meanwhile, she needs a set of permanent parents, and Mrs. William Benner of Berrien social services department is trying to find them. Carolyn is one of hundreds of hard-to-place child wards of the state seeking permanent adoptive homes.

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### Unicameral Idea Called Threat To Democracy

LANSING — More efficient, perhaps, but less democratic. This is the opinion of State

Rep. Harry Gast, Jr., who opposes a plan to make the Michigan legislature unicameral.



HONORED: Elizabeth Doren Hake, Box 414, Watervliet, was graduated with high honors in Western Michigan university's fall commencement. She maintained a grade point average of 3.7 to 3.89 on a 4.0 scale to graduate magna cum laude.

NAMES SON  
OTTAWA, (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau says his son has been named Justin Pierre.

In a newsletter to constituents, Gast says a one-house legislature may pass laws before the public is even aware they are under consideration.

"Lobbyists would have a field day with only one house to influence. The danger of domination by special interest groups would be enhanced. One-party control of a single house and the governor would be more likely," Gast argues.

Petitions are being circulated to gain a place on the November 1972 ballot for the unicameral proposal. Its supporters seek to replace the present 110-member house and 38-member senate with a single senate of 76 elected members.

Gast said that current legislative costs are under one per cent of the current state budget. Reduction of the number of legislators would automatically increase the number of aides and legislative assistants, many of whom are paid more than the legislators.

"The Michigan legislature was not created as a model of efficiency, but rather as a

### Two Men Given Jail Sentences For Arrearages

One man in arrears for children on Aid To Dependent children grants was ordered jailed 10 days and another in support arrearage whose children are not on ADC was ordered jailed five weekends in Berrien circuit court Monday.

Judge Chester J. Byrns ordered the 10-day jail sentence for James Buford, Jr., of 193 Concord road, Benton township, as the start of a one-year probation after finding him in contempt of court for a \$480 arrearage for three children on ADC. George Westfield, friend of the court, reported.

After the jail stay, Buford will be released to find work. If he fails, it's back to jail. Judge Byrns also ordered five weekends in jail starting

next Friday for Collins Whitfield, of 1628 Taft street, Niles, after finding him in contempt for a \$572 arrearage for two children not on welfare. Westfield reported.

Whitfield also must spend a year on probation and execute a wage assignment for \$22 weekly support plus \$5 on arrears.

The judge also ordered Walter Uslan, of route 4, Beck road, Coloma, to pay off \$490 of a \$1,669 arrearage for one child on ADC and make weekly payments of \$25 support and \$15 toward arrears. Westfield reported. If Uslan fails to pay the \$400 within 30 days or misses a weekly payment the judge ordered him jailed 30 days, the friend of the court added.



HARRY GAST JR.  
State Representative  
model of democracy," Gast concludes.

### Senior Citizens' Fun Night

BUCHANAN — An open house and fun night for senior citizens in Buchanan area is planned at Ottawa elementary school Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

William Tyus, community school director, said senior citizens are invited to take any games or plan any activities they want that evening. Refreshments will be furnished.

### Women For Survival Congressman Gets Word That Farmers Work, Too

A recent statement by Congressman James O'Hara (D-Mich.) as to why farm laborers should be included on the U.S. Agricultural department's advisory committee on safety has drawn criticism from the Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan (WSAM).

In a letter sent to Rep. O'Hara dated Dec. 21, Mrs. Alton (Mildred) Wendzel, of Watervliet, chairman of the group's public relations committee stated:

"In a recent Associated Press release in the Benton Harbor News-Palladium, it states that you have asked the Agricultural department to include farm laborers on its advisory committee on safety.

"You are quoted as saying that, 'the men and women whose lives are put on the line in farm work—the men and women who are poisoned by pesticides and mangled by

farm machinery—are morally entitled to a specific voice or voices on your advisory committee.

"Whether or not the farm laborer should or should not be on this committee is not the point of this letter. The point is that the picture you paint for the public to see is not at all the true picture. The

farmer has enough problems as is without having persons like you publicizing a distorted image of him.

"Is walking down a row of pickles or strawberries putting your life on the line? Compare this to crossing the street in a town to go to the grocery store. And poisoned by pesticides! Our city cousins should

be so lucky as to breathe as much fresh, clean air as do our farm laborers. Mangled by machinery? As was pointed out by the Agricultural department, more than two-thirds of the toll is done by the farmer himself. I would not think this portrays a ruthless person who exploits his worker.

"The changing of this gross, unfair image is one of the main objectives of the WSAM. We will leave no stone unturned in our effort to give the public an honest version of the lives and work of the farmer.

"You are not helping our cause with statements as quoted above. Perhaps you would like to be more careful in how you present your views in the future."

The letter was signed: Respectfully, Mildred E. Wendzel, public relations chairman of WSAM.

### Accused Killer's Trial Set Feb. 28 In Joliet

The trial of a Joliet, Ill., man charged with the first degree murder of Mrs. Glenn (Thelma) Tyler of Covert has been set for Feb. 28.

Allen Sanders, 17, allegedly struck Mrs. Tyler, 23, over the head with a piece of pipe during an apparent robbery attempt in her Joliet apartment Aug. 29, city police have said.

Mrs. Tyler, 34th avenue, Covert, was in Joliet attending beauty college.

Sanders was picked up by city police the same night.

### Who Uses Phone Credit Cards? Van Buren Mystery Solved

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau  
PAW PAW — Part of an administrative mystery involving the use of telephone credit cards by county employees has been solved, according to Van Buren County Clerk Charles E. MacDonald.

MacDonald said that he has obtained from General Telephone company officials a list of persons who have credit cards for use in charging

telephone calls to the county. However, who has authority to issue the credit cards remains an unsettled administrative question, the county clerk confirmed.

The county clerk told county commissioners earlier this month that he had discovered that at least 16 persons had telephone credit cards, but that the identity of the credit card holders apparently was known only to department

heads and not the county clerk's office, which examines and classifies county bills, including the monthly telephone bill.

The county clerk said he now has a list of 28 persons who have been issued credit cards. These include 21 in the health department and four in juvenile court.

Others were issued to the circuit court judge, the circuit court probation officer and a

dentist employed part-time by the welfare department.

MacDonald said that he had been asked by the county board to account for all charges on the telephone bill, including identification of the credit card owners.

Now, he said, it is up to other county officials, apparently the county commissioners, to decide if there is to be a policy for the issuance of credit cards to employees.

### Circuit Court Will Be Headed By Judge Byrns

Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns, 49, has been selected to preside over the three-judge court for 1972.

Presiding judges are the court's top administrators, oversee its budget and naturalization matters, reassign cases and have the power to issue extraordinary injunctions.

Berrien's circuit court has held more civil and criminal trials during 1971 than ever before because each judge controls his own docket of cases, Judge Byrns said in reviewing the past year.

The pretrial conference of prosecutor, defense counsel and judge — in use the past year — is the "single most effective tool in clearing the court docket" and functions because of cooperation from

defenders and prosecutor's staff, the judge declared.

Anyone who presses a civil claim can now expect a verdict in a year or less from the date of filing suit, and more often than not, 60 days or less elapse from arrest to conviction in criminal matters, the judge said, noting big "pluses" for Berrien.

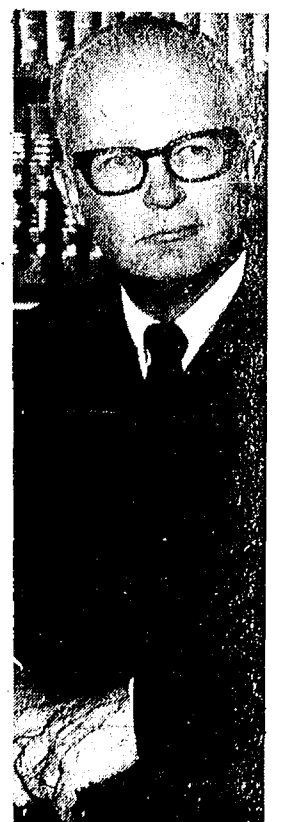
### Weather Radio Found

SISTER LAKES — A radio sonde, used by the U.S. Weather Bureau to measure temperature, atmospheric pressure and humidity at varying heights, up to 17 miles, was found Monday morning by Mrs. William Haner.

Her husband said that Mrs. Haner found the little radio-box-type device with an antenna, lying on a beach on the family's property on Round lake. Haner said information on what is measured and up to what height was printed on the object, along with instructions on returning it to the nearest weather station. If returned, the device, called a radio sonde, can be used again, the instructions stated.

Haner said it will be easy to return, since it may be turned into the nearest post office, or handed to a mail carrier. And, no stamps are required, Haner noted.

According to Haner, the device must have drifted down gently, because a small parachute was attached. The device are carried by a balloon. The balloon carrying this one must have come loose, because it was not found.



JUDGE CHESTER J. BYRNS

### Seeks Sister

An Albuquerque, New Mexico man is searching for his sister, a Berrien county native, whom he has not seen for some 50 years.

Joseph G. Weber, of 917 Wadde road, SW, Albuquerque, is seeking help through this newspaper in finding Marjorie Mabel Weber. The last record he has of her is a 1942 copy of her birth certificate and notarized in St. Joseph, Berrien county, Michigan by a Lena M. Born.